

Troparia at the THIRD Hour and at the SIXTH Hour

Troparion at the Third Hour, after Psalm 50, and at the Sixth Hour, after Psalm 90:

Tone 1, Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Thy people, • and bless Thine inheritance. • Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians • over their adversaries; • and by virtue of Thy Cross, • preserve Thy habitation.

Tone 1, Troparion of the Maccabees

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

We beseech Thee, O Lover of mankind, • to accept in supplication • the suffering which the Saints endured for Thee, O Lord, • and heal all our infirmities.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

• *Theotokion at the Third Hour: “O Theotokos; thou art the true vine...”*

• *Theotokion at the Sixth Hour: “As we have no boldness...”*



Kontakion at the Third Hour after the Trisagion Prayers

Tone 4, Kontakion of the Cross

Amen. As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, • grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; • make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, • granting them victories over their adversaries • by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Then: “Lord, have mercy” (40)



Kontakion at the Sixth Hour after the Trisagion Prayers

Tone 2, Kontakion, Maccabees

Amen. Seven pillars of the Wisdom of God • and seven lampstands of the divine Light, • all-wise Maccabees, greatest of the martyrs before the time of the martyrs, • with them ask the God of all to save those who honor you.

Then: “Lord, have mercy” (40)



At the Divine Liturgy

The Litany of Peace, the Typical Psalms, then the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12):

On the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from Ode III of the canon of the Cross, and 4 from Ode VI of the canon of the Maccabees:

In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Of old, a sword was given to guard the blessed tree of life after the disobedience of Adam the first-formed; but the Cross hath opened a path thereto.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

With eyes, mouth and soul, with our faces and hearts, let us all bow down before the most holy Cross of Christ, the Bestower of life, whereby the whole world is sanctified.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Becoming temples of God today, as the prophets said, bowing down before the wood of the most holy Cross, all of us who are the heirs thereto kiss it with fear.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

We chant hymns to thee, O Christ, and with faith entreat thy power: Rescue us from the snares of the enemy, and direct all of us who hymn thee to the haven of salvation.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Having arrayed yourselves in the vesture of martyrdom, O saints, ye embroidered it with the labors of your suffering.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Desiring to be with Christ, O all-glorious martyrs, ye have run the course of suffering with unwavering resolve.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Preserving the law which Moses handed down, O holy ones, ye suffered lawfully, putting the tyrant Antiochus to shame.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O thou who alone hast given birth to the Word in the flesh at His word, deliver our souls from the snares of the enemy, we pray.

At the Entrance

PRIEST: Wisdom. Stand upright.

Entrance Verse

O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us O Son of God, Who art wonderful in Thy saints. Save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia (3).

After the Entrance:

Tone 1, Troparion, Cross

O Lord, save Thy people, • and bless Thine inheritance. • Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians • over their adversaries; • and by virtue of Thy Cross, • preserve Thy habitation.

Tone 8, Troparion of the Temple, of the Midfeast of Pentecost

O Savior at the Middle of the Feast, • fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: • “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink.” • O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee.

Tone 1, Troparion, Maccabees

We beseech Thee, O Lover of mankind, • to accept in supplication • the suffering which the Saints endured for Thee, O Lord, • and heal all our infirmities.

Tone 4, Kontakion of the Temple, of the Midfeast of Pentecost

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, • cried to all in the midst of the feast of the law: “Come and draw the water of immortality.” • We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: • “Grant us Thy mercies for Thou art the Fountain of our life.”

Tone 2, Kontakion, Maccabees

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Seven pillars of the Wisdom of God • and seven lampstands of the divine Light, • all-wise Maccabees, greatest of the martyrs before the time of the martyrs, • with them ask the God of all to save those who honor you.

Tone 4, Kontakion, Cross

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Communion Hymns

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (*Psalm 4:7a*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just. (*Psalm 32:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

As the Faithful receive Holy Communion

PRIEST: In the fear of God, with faith, and love, draw near.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of immortality.

I bow down before the Cross, the salvation of the faithful, and kissing it fervently, and, embracing it, I cry aloud: O all-blessed Tree of Christ, illumine my soul and mind, I pray.

Today the sign of the Cross hath revealed itself to be victorious over the passions and the demons. Wherefore, O ye faithful, radiantly illumined in soul, let us all kiss it now.

The precious Cross emitteth brilliant rays and illumineth those who bow down before it with faith today, sanctifying our souls and bodies.

Laying visibly before us, the life-giving Cross sendeth forth brilliant rays of grace. Offering praise unto the Lord, let us approach and receive enlightenment, gladness, salvation and forgiveness.

Appearing among the cruel ones with a single resolve, the choir of the seven spiritual athletes did not refuse to die, that they might confirm the law of their fathers.

Disdaining glory on this earth, with their desire for the divine kingdom the godly Maccabees endured every pang; wherefore, they are honored today as is meet.

The preservers of the law of Moses, the truly valiant Maccabees, revealed themselves to be brethren one to another when they trampled underfoot the ungodliness of Antiochus.

Walking according to the precepts of the law of your fathers, O blessed spiritual athletes of Christ, with your blood ye have acquired the life which ageth not, O allpraised ones.

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the Fountain of immortality.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.